



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KIYOTAKA WASA ET AL.

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For: STRUCTURE OF PIEZOELECTRIC
ELEMENT AND LIQUID
DISCHARGE RECORDING HEAD,
AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the search report from the Korean Patent Office dated May 21, 2003 (and Japanese translation thereof) enclosed herewith.

Applicants note that the two documents cited in the search report are already of record in the subject application. Specifically, U.S. Patent No. 5,995,359 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 31, 2001, and EP 0 930 165 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated June 14, 2001 and October 31, 2001, both of which

were considered by the Examiner, as indicated by the initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 returned with the Office Action dated May 8, 2003. Accordingly, the documents cited in the search report are not cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

FORMAL MATTERS

The enclosed search report was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a written acknowledgment be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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